

Four Cities Coordinated  
Stevens Creek Trail Feasibility Study

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**Universe of Trail Alignments, Part 1  
Joint Cities Working Team Meeting Minutes**

MEETING LOCATION: Sunnyvale Community Center  
Neighborhood Room

MEETING DATE: January 14, 2013

MEETING TIME: 7:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.

**ATTENDANCE:**

**Elected Representatives**

Mayor Orrin Mahoney, Cupertino  
Councilmember Ronit Bryant, Mountain View  
Councilmember Tara Martin-Milius, Sunnyvale  
Councilmember Jeannie Bruins, Los Altos

**Staff Members**

Jack Witthaus, Transportation and Traffic Manager, Sunnyvale  
Chris Elias, Lower Peninsula Watershed Deputy Operating Officer, SCVWD  
Gail Seeds, Park Restoration and Improvement Manager, Cupertino  
John Marchant, Parks Section Manager, Mountain View

**Consultants**

Jana Sokale, Principal Planner, Sokale Environmental Planning  
Bruce Hill, Principal Landscape Architect, Hill Associates  
Po Chen, Structure Division Manager, Mark Thomas & Company  
Nikki Nagaya, Senior Transportation Engineer, Fehr & Peers

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**These meeting minutes, if not corrected at the next meeting by any party in attendance, shall be acknowledged as an accurate report of the events that transpired at this meeting.**

- I. Introductions** – New members attended the Joint Cities Working Team at the start of the New Year. Mayor Orrin Mahoney and Project Manager Jack Witthaus welcomed the new members. Jana Sokale provided a brief recap of the work completed to date which includes assessments of property ownership, land availability and general habitat types, review of previous plans and fieldwork to identify the universe of potential trail alignments and crossing solutions and hosting of the first public meeting to introduce the project and gather general comments on extending the Stevens Creek Trail to Cupertino.

The prior meeting schedule that includes monthly meetings held on the second Monday of month at 7:30 PM was reviewed and reconfirmed by the new members.

- II. Universe of Trail Alignments** – The potentially feasible trail alignments from the Dale / Heatherstone pedestrian overcrossing to Stevens Creek Blvd. and connections

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to Rancho San Antonio County Park were presented and discussed. Jana Sokale and Po Chen reported on the meeting with Caltrans. In general, Caltrans was supportive of the preliminary engineering concepts developed to route the trail from Dale/Heatherstone to Fremont Avenue. New information regarding the possibility to realign and reconstruct the Southbound SR85 connecting ramps to Northbound I280 emerged at the meeting. This possible future project would have implications for the placement of a trail overpass. Meeting details are included in the Caltrans Meeting Minutes.

Bruce Hill and Po Chen reported on the meeting with Santa Clara Valley Water District (District). A few key points from this meeting include the District's desire to place pedestrian bridges near existing structures when possible and/or to limit the number of pedestrian bridges to those necessary to support the spine of the trail. District staff indicated that at this time there are no plans to pursue replacement or reconfiguration of the Fremont Drop Structure. The District is collaborating with the consultant team to provide as-built drawings, ownership and easement data and 100-year water surface elevations to assist with the feasibility assessment. Meeting details are included in the SCVWD Meeting Minutes.

Nikki Nagaya provided an overview of feasibility of various on-street treatments available to align the trail along city roadways. The potential locations of these treatments are indicated on the potentially feasible trail alignment maps. The range of treatments includes Class I pathways along the side or median of a few streets, Class II bike lanes and enhanced bike lanes on more streets and Class III neighborhood greenways and standard bike routes on many streets. A street couplet idea with single bike lanes on paired streets was also introduced at a couple locations. Neighborhood greenways include various traffic calming measures to make a low volume/low traffic streets a place to share the road with bicyclists and pedestrians. Traffic calming measures would be site specific to each street and would consider the interests of the residents. These measures could include crosswalks, roundabouts, speed tables, changes in curb design at intersections, street trees and landscaping, signage and other features to slow traffic, green the street and create an environment that supports and encourages walking and bicycling.

Jana Sokale indicated that trail connections to Rancho San Antonio County Park from Stevens Creek Blvd. were under study and that fieldwork and a meeting with County Parks staff was scheduled.

Ms. Sokale also noted that a matrix that includes all routes reviewed in the course of study including those deemed infeasible of supporting a trail has been prepared.

### **Summary of Citizens Working Group Feedback**

- Is it possible to develop grade-separated crossings of the SR85 on- and off ramps on Homestead Road to create a safer route to school for Cupertino Middle School students?
- Are there other places from the creek corridor to connect to Bernardo? At some point, the maps should indicate all feasible neighborhood access points.

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- The SCT may be able to provide multiple functions – improved routes to schools, recreational trail and commuter route.
- Is there a way to go behind the gas station at Homestead Road to get Maxine on the other side of SR85?

- III. Planning for Second Public Meeting** – The consultant indicated that the second public would also use assessment tools to engage and gather public comment. The information will be presented geographically from north to south. The January meeting will cover Dale / Heatherstone to Homestead Road and the February meeting will cover Homestead Road to Steven Creek Blvd. with connections to Rancho San Antonio County Park. The January meeting will be held in Sunnyvale and the February meeting in Cupertino to best meet the proximity needs of the public. The Citizen Working Group members will facilitate small working groups at the meeting tables and serve as resources to answer questions.
- IV. Next Steps** – The project team will continue to assess feasibility and present the trail concepts to the agencies with jurisdiction along the routes. The routes and the crossing solutions will be refined based upon the comments received from the Citizens Working Group, Joint Cities Working Team, the agencies and other information that is developed through the study.
- V. Adjournment**  
The meeting was adjourned at 9:45 p.m.